

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Application No. 09/769/407
Attorney Docket No. Q62879

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application, as amended, are respectfully requested. Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 15 and 16 have been amended. New claim 17 has been added. Claims 5 and 8-12 have been cancelled. Claims 1-4, 6, 7 and 13-16 are now pending in the application. Applicant acknowledges with gratitude the indication that claims 2, 3 and 5-7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, Applicant has amended claim 1 to include substantially all the elements as previously recited in claim 2. Applicant has also amended claim 4 to include all of the elements as previously recited in claim 5. Additionally, Applicant has amended claims 15 and 16 to include elements similar to those the Examiner has deemed to be allowable. The rejections are respectfully submitted to be obviated in view of the amendments. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) are respectfully requested.

Newly Added Claim

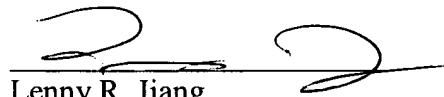
Claim 17 is newly added by this Amendment and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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